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AFDROUGHT

SUBJ: REPAIR OF ROSSO FERRY

REF: A. STATE 118524

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1. OSRO INFORMS QUOTE CAN APPRECIATE AID/W REACTION TO
ROSSO. OSRO CONCERNED HOWEVER THAT PRESENT REACTION NEGATES
EARLIER IMPRESSION GIVEN OSRO AND DONOR REPS THAT USAID WOULD
CONTRIBUTE IF OTHERS DID MY APPEAL AND FAC CONTRIBUTION
BASED ON THAT IMPRESSION.

2. ALTHOUGH FERRY IS STRICTLY SPEAKING NOT CRUCIAL TO FOOD
RELIEF THIS YEAR ITS DISRUPTION WOULD ADD TO GIRM ECONOMIC
PROBLEMS AND THUS DONORS BURDENS ALL FONOR REPS IN NOUAKCHOTT
INCLUDING USAID AGREED BENEFICIAL HELP GIRM KEEP PRESENT
FERRIES OPERATIONAL UNTIL FRG FERRY STARTS WORK WHICH MAY
NOT BE UNTIL LATE 1976.

3. IN THESE CIRCUMSTANCES OSRO IS INSTRUCTED TO TRANSFER
TWO MILLION CFA TO UNDP NOUAKCHOTT TO MATCH FAC CONTRIBUTION
AND RPOVIDE GIRM WITH ESTIMATED AMOUNT NEEDE TO PURCHASE
ESSENTIAL SPARE PARTS FROM DAKAR UNDP SHOULD AGREE WITH FAC
HOW BEST TO COORDINATE BOTH DONATIONS TO ACHIEVE DESIRED
RESULTS GIRM SHOULD BE INFORMED THAT OSRO CONTRIBUTION REFLECTS
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USAID AND OTHER DONORS INTERESTS IN HELPTING TO KEEP FERRIES

OPERATIONAL.

4. DABELL HOPES VISIT WASHINGTON SHORTLY AND DECISION
ON FINANCIAL ISSUES CAN THEN BE DISCUSSED. UNQUOTE.VOLPE

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